

Continuous Integration (and Deployment) CI/CD

The principles and practices

What is CI?

- **CI is a software development practice where members of a team integrate their work frequently – at least daily - leading to multiple integrations per day. Each integration is verified by an automated build (including tests) to detect integration errors as quickly as possible.**
Martin Fowler

- **In software engineering, CI implements continuous processes of applying quality control - small pieces of effort, applied frequently. CI aims to improve the quality of software, and to reduce the time taken to deliver it, by replacing the traditional practice of applying quality control after completing all development.**

Why do CI?

- **Building software can be a *risky* business.**
- **Risk 1: Fixing bugs late is costly.**
 - **CI identifies them as early as possibly => Less reworking.**
- **Risk 2: Lack of project visibility.**
 - **EX.: Code coverage; Test failer/success rate.**

Why do CI?

- **Risk 3: Lack of team cohesion.**
 - **“Your changes to module X are incompatible with mine. How do we merge now?”**
 - **“When did we decided to upgrade to version 2.0 of library X?”**
 - **“I thought you fixed that 2 months ago!”**
- **Risk 4: Poor quality code base.**
 - **EX.: “Everybody knows === is safer than == for object comparison (JavaScript)”**

Why do CI?

- **Risk 5: Lack of deployable software.**
 - **“It works on my machine!.”**
 - **“I need a new build to play around with now.”**
 - **“The boss (or customer) is coming, we need to demo progress asap.”.**

=> Use Continuous Integration to reduce these risks.

Why CI? Better, Faster, Cheaper

- Better:
 - Build better quality software that is tested early and oftenand the code adheres to best practices & coding standards**
- Faster:
 - **Regression testing (Agile), not just at the end (Waterfall).**
 - **No ‘integration points’.**
 - **System Builds become a non event**
- Cheaper
 - **Identify defects earlier.**
 - **Fix when least costly.**

Best practices of CI.

- **Single Source Repository.**
- **Automate the Build and Test processes.**
- **Everyone Commits Every Day.**
- **Keep the Build Fast.**
- **Everyone can see what's happening.**
- **Automate Deployment (Optional).**

What constitutes a **build**?

1. **Compilation (Transpiling).**
 - bundling for web apps.
 - Multiple target platforms.
2. **Test execution.**
3. **Database integration.**
 - DB creation and test data generation
4. **Code inspection (Static code analysis).**
5. **Automated deployment (Use staging server).**
6. **Report generation.**
 - e.g. test execution metrics.

When and how to build?

- **When:**
 - **At every check-in (not scheduled times).**
- **How?**
 - **Use a build script. Do not depend on an IDE.**
 - **Use a dedicated CI server, not cron.**
 - **Should require no developer effort**
 - **Provide immediate feedback**

Build metrics

- **Identify key metrics and track them visually.**
- **Act on them immediately.**
- **Many metrics options, including:**
 - **Successful Build Rate.**
 - **Build Repair Rate.**
 - **Total Numbers of Static Tool Errors.**
 - **Ex. Linter.**
 - **Code coverage.**
 - **Unit Testing.**
 - **Functional Testing.**

The 7 step program

- 1. Commit Early, Commit Often.**
- 2. Never Commit Broken Code.**
- 3. Fix build failures immediately.**
- 4. Fail Fast.**
- 5. Act on metrics.**
- 6. Build in every target environment.**
- 7. Create artifacts from every build.**



Travis CI

The tools

Travis CI

- **An Open Source**
- **Distributed**
- **Build System**
- **For the Open Source community**
- *travis-ci.org* **(free)** Vs *travis-ci.com* **(enterprise)**

...Distributed ...

- *... . allows community to contribute build capacities by connecting a VM that runs a build agent somewhere on their underused servers*
- **Travis-CI – a central web application that runs on Heroku.**
 - **where as Travis workers (Virtual Machines that run the builds) are contributed by the community.**

Getting started

1. **Sign up with Travis CI using your GitHub credentials.**
2. **Add the Travis config file to your project repository**
3. **Enable the repositories that you want Travis to perform a build when a push operation occurs**

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MY ACCOUNT

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Sync account

ORGANIZATIONS

You are not currently a member of any organization.

MISSING AN ORGANIZATION?
[Review and add your authorized organizations.](#)

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Repositories Settings

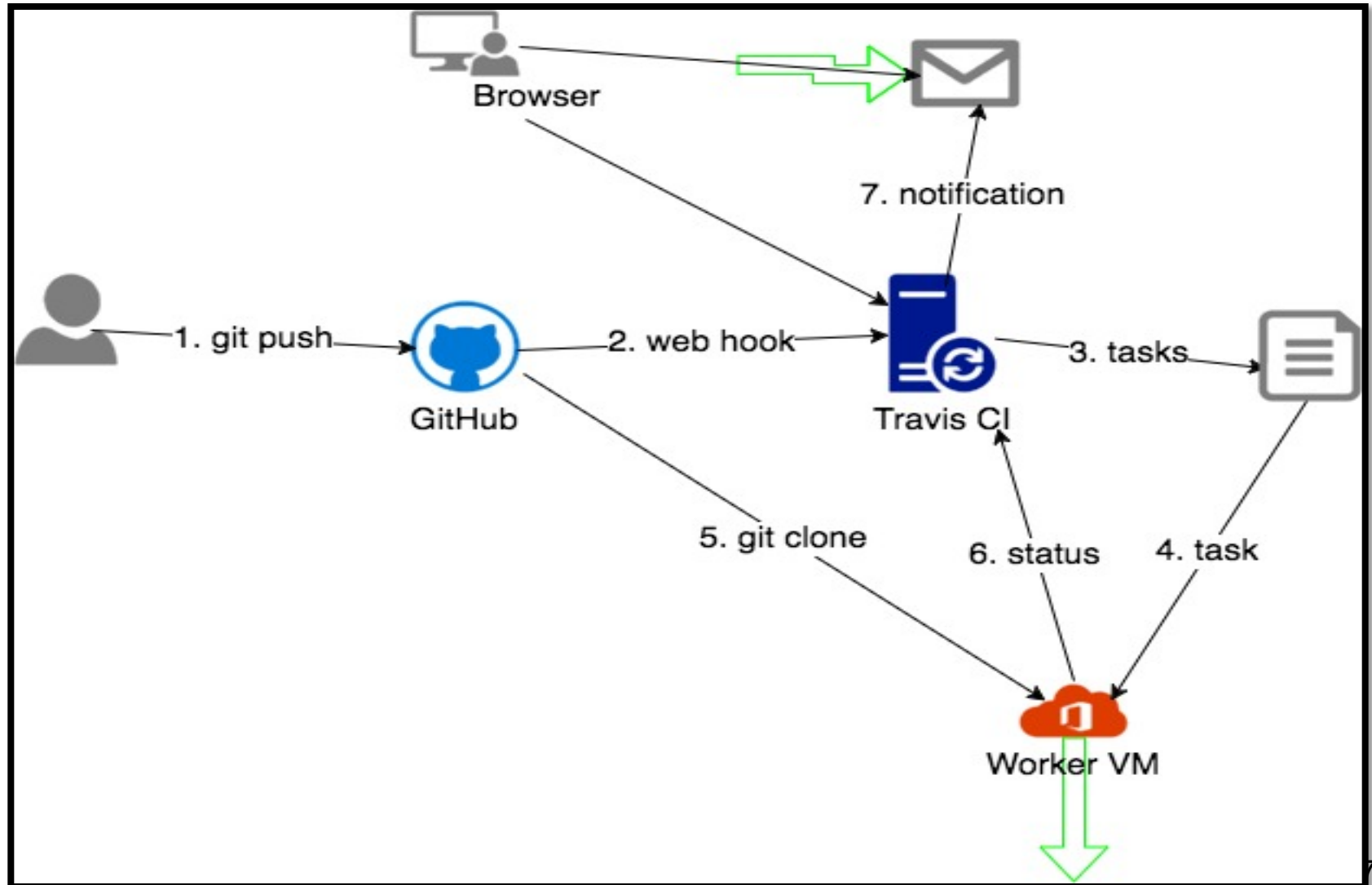
We're only showing your public repositories. You can find your private projects on travis-ci.com.

Legacy Services Integration

Filter repositories

cicdDemo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings
contacts2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Settings
diarmuidoconnor.github.io	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings
donationsAPI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings
donationsApp_travis_isanbul	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings
donationsApp_with_travis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings
donationsSPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings
ewd-contacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Settings

...Build System ...



Building with Travis

- 1. In local repo, declare build requirements in special config file, .travis.yml.**
- 2. git push.**
- 3. Travis CI identifies available worker VM.**
- 4. Sends 'task list' to worker.**
- 5. Worker clones repository and performs tasks.**
- 6. Periodically updates Travis CI of status.**

Worker VM updates Travis CI

The screenshot displays the Travis CI dashboard for the repository `diarmuidoconnor/contacts2019`. The build status is **passing**. The build details show a successful run of `cypress-oldUI` tests, with 8 tests passed. The build duration was 4 minutes and 34 seconds, and it was finished 3 days ago. A red arrow points to the **Restart build** button. Another red arrow points to the **View config** link, which is highlighted by a red box labeled **VM console log**. Below this, the **Job log** is visible, showing the build process steps and commands.

My Repositories

- ✓ `diarmuidoconnor/contacts2019` # 8
Duration: 4 min 34 sec
Finished: 3 days ago
- ✓ `YanLiu96/AgileSoftwarePractice` # 10
Duration: 58 sec
Finished: 3 months ago

diarmuidoconnor / contacts2019 build passing

Current Branches Build History Pull Requests More options

✓ **cypress-oldUI** Tests for add and delete #8 passed Restart build

Commit `ce75e5a`
Compare `ce75e5a14101`
Branch `cypress-oldUI`
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Node.js: stable

Job log View config

VM console log

```
1 Worker information
6 Build system information
413
414
415 $ git clone --depth=50 --branch=cypress-oldUI https://github.com/diarmuidoconnor/contacts2019.git
419
420
421 Setting environment variables from repository settings
422 $ export SURGE_LOGIN=[secure]
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421 Setting environment variables from repository settings
422 $ export SURGE_LOGIN=[secure]
423 $ export SURGE_TOKEN=[secure]
424
425 $ nvm install stable nvm.install 5.08s
431
432 Setting up build cache cache.1
442
443 $ node --version
444 v11.12.0
445 $ npm --version
446 6.7.0
447 $ nvm --version
448 0.34.0
449
450 $ npm ci install.npm 76.67s
474
475 $ npm install -g httpserver before_script.1 5.10s
479 $ npm run build before_script.2 17.79s
511 $ cd build && httpserver -p 8080 & before_script.3 0.01s
512 $ npx cypress run 100.34s
513 lo: 127.0.0.1
514 eth0: 10.20.0.193
515 server started: http://0.0.0.0:8080
516 It looks like this is your first time using Cypress: 3.1.5
517
518 [13:41:43] Verifying Cypress can run /home/travis/.cache/Cypress/3.1.5/Cypress [started]
519 [13:41:45] Verifying Cypress can run /home/travis/.cache/Cypress/3.1.5/Cypress [completed]
520
521 Opening Cypress
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Build Matrix

- **Defined by your .travis.yml**
- **Configure...**
 - **Language version**
 - **Environment Variables**
- **Script to run.**

.travis.yml excerpt

language: node_js

node_js:

- '10.5'

- '11.7'

env:

- DB='databaseA'

- DB='databaseB'

script

- npm run build

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Other build features

- **before / after scripts.**
 - e.g. (re)create test database.
- **Specify branches to build (white/blacklist)**
 - # blacklist
 - branches:
 - except:
 - legacy
 - experimental

Languages supported

- **Ruby**
- **Node.js**
- **Scala**
- **Clojure**
- **Python**
- **.....**

Databases supported

- **SQLite**
- **MySQL**
- **PostgreSQL**
- **MongoDB**
- **.....**
- **No extra setup required**

Services

- **Memcached**
- **Redis**
- **Riak**
- **CouchDB**
- **Selenium**
- **ImageMagick**
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